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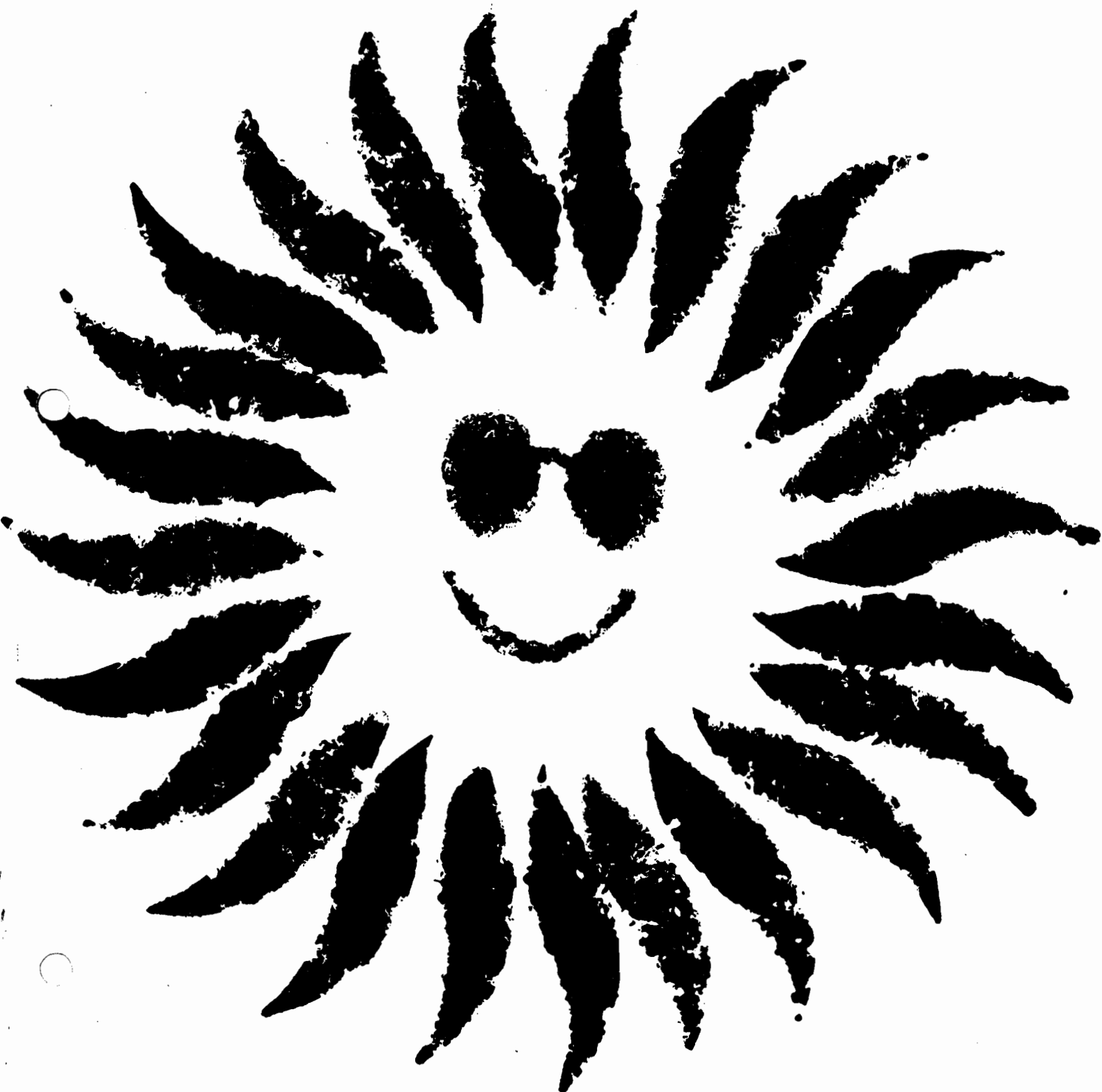
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DISTRICT DOINGS

Record crowds were on hand for the weekend over the Memorial Day holiday to start the outdoor season, and from the looks of the reports on special programs the crowds have continued to flock to Corps lakes. The gasoline problems seem to be keeping folks nearer to their homes and to the convenient lake campgrounds.

The Girl Scouts over at Carlyle Lake were treated to some special programs by park staffers Mike McGinnis, Mark Giacoletto, Sam Guagliardo, Paul Molla, and Bob Piontek who pitched in to hold sessions with 35 young ladies from Bond County, for 150 girls from Clinton County, and 135 from Washington County. The staff also provided a big day in their annual Bike Safety Rodeo for 35 riders. Dave Keplinger was host for a touring group of 100 from the Illinois Retirees Club. Bob Piontek and Sam Guagliardo conducted special programs for 38 visitors from the Bond Assn. for the Handicapped. A couple of busloads of District employees, part of the Command Information Program, were treated to tours and briefings by Cheryl Leach and Brad Keshlear. Cheryl and Mike McGinnis also had 12 student visitors from an Outdoor Recreation Class at SIU-Carbondale. Mark Giacoletto and Cheryl Leach visited with a group of 35 Boy Scouts from Rockford, Illinois, and Mark along with Mike McGinnis took 40 Bartelso Cubs on a tour and nature hike. Dee Shidler held a special program for 90 Scouts from Camp Joy.

Lake Shelbyville racked up a long list of talks, tours, hikes and programs. Lakeland College Workshops for students gave Jerry Parker, Roger Gephardt, Don Brown, Kevin Kuppler, Dennis Gathmann, Karen Woolridge and Jim Rowan their chance to show the Corps' stuff on snakes, wildlife, nature walks, boat tours and campfire sessions. Jerry also appeared at a program for 52 Effingham Rotarians and 26 Shelby County 4-H's plus telling 30 Oakland, Illinois, Lions about the Youth Conservation Corps program. Thirty-six youngsters from the Stew-Strans Summer School heard Michelle Chernick, Dennis Gathmann, Jerry Parker and Larry Gutzler tell about nature's wonders at the lake including a special program about honey production and bee hives. Some Girl Scout programs at Shelbyville, too. Larry Gutzler and Kevin Kuppler hosted a group of 40 from Shemano, Illinois, and Garry Tipwood, Darrell Latch, Michelle Chernick and Jim Rowan had ten Girl Scouts from Peoria, Illinois, for nature studies. The Sullivan Schools gifted childrens program featured two special programs each by Larry Gutzler on snakes, and Jerry Parker with a dam tour, while Dennis Gathmann headed a group nature walk and Dale Phillips showed them Lithia Springs and the history of the Chautauqua. Dennis Gathmann explained the Aquatic Environment for the 28 students.

Al Lookofsky and Chuck Baron were the nature guide for 79 young ladies from the Mormon Girls Camp session. Dennis Gathmann spoke to the Arthur, Illinois Lions Club, and Don Brown talked to 30 members from St. Paul's Christian Church. Roger Gephardt, Jim Rowan and Don Brown held environmental games and a hike for 31 from the Sullivan, Illinois Recreation Group. Another Girl Scout group from Arthur, Illinois, 26 Scouts heard Larry Gutzler and Roger Gephardt give the popular snake program. Don Brown hosted a tour of 7 from the Eastern Illinois Recreation Assn. Michelle Chernick and Jim Rowan paired to give a fire safety program for 62 Senior Citizens from the Shelbyville Manor. Jerry Parker addressed the 15 member YCC group from Hidden Springs. A great time for 59 Matton, Illinois, pre-schoolers on a conducted treewalk by Roger Gephardt, Kevin Kuppler, and Michelle Chernick, with Jim Rowan in his Smokey the Bear part. Donald Brown spoke to 68 Macon, Illinois, 3rd graders and took them on a dam tour. The Youth Conservation Corps Program at Camp Camfield got a boost from a couple of talks given by Dennis Gathmann, Larry Gutzler and Jerry Parker. Dennis also talked to 21 members of the Shelby County Retired Teachers Assn.

Things are livening up at Clarence Cannon Dam, with couple of feature stories in local newspapers about the opening of the Ray Behrens Area for campers. Pody Gay and Anne Behrens talked to 60 Monroe City youths about Outdoor Play Safety. If you notice the similarity in names there — Ray Behrens and Anne Behrens, that's because Anne is the granddaughter of the honoree and is now working on the Area named for her illustrious grandad. Pody Gay also teamed up with Clark Dietzschold to give two talks to 4-H groups, one of 70 youngsters from the 4-H Summer Camp and a second to 76 from the same Camp. Pody and Brian Unnerstall also spoke to 19 Girl Scouts from the local area. Anne Behrens helped out with a third group of 4-H's and then spoke to the 11 members of the Fulton, Missouri OATS club. Greg Miller talked to the 40 members of the Moberly Kiwanis.

Over at Locks #27 Al Baiter escorted a tour of 18 YCC members, and John McClain and John Metz guided some 60 students from the Carr Lane School in St. Louis around the popular work site.

At Lock and Dam #26 Bill Sutton and Jim Fogilphol told 8 visiting dignitaries from 3rd world nations about the project and its proposed replacement. The group was part of a visit with Principia College.

Phil Jenkins, at Rend Lake took to the air waves in an open line broadcast over WROY radio in Carmi, Illinois. Joni Colle was the hostess for 90 West Frankfort, Illinois Girl Scouts. The team of Les Allert, who gave two presentations about Birds and Water Safety, Dave Shirley with a snake program, and Joni Colle with a Wildflower talk informed another group of 18 Benton and Christopher, Illinois Girl Scouts. Joni also spoke with a group of 9 Girl Scouts from Mt. Vernon. At the Sesser, Illinois, Homecoming, Yvonne Morris took the nature trailer for the show and had over 1,700 visitors. Dave Shirley presented a talk for 27 4-H Club members from West Frankfort and took 22 Sesser Gifted Children on a Nature Walk.

District Office people were kept busy too. Colonel McKinney and Historian Fred Dobney made an appearance with KMOX's Jim Butler on a special radio show. John Brady, journeyed up to Chicago to appear on a panel about Endangered Species, part of an OCE sponsored session. Hank Martin talked to the Granite City Optomists about Flood Plain Management. Claude Strauser told a class a SEMO in Cape about the Mississippi River. The District hosted two Sudanese engineers on a special visit. A second Command Information program sent two bus loads, over 70 District employees, up to Clarence Cannon for an informative day's visit.

Midpoint in the summer and the outdoor life is in full swing, let's keep it safe and full of fun.

Gary Dyhouse (ED-HE) recently completed a ten month assignment at the Corps' Hydrologic Engineering Center at Davis, California. He served in the Planning Analysis Branch, working on assignments involving sediment transport, spatial data management, and preparation of a training document on ungaged watershed analysis. Gary coordinated and managed five training courses for planning personnel from throughout the Corps, lectured at these and other HEC courses, and was guest lecturer at one University of California - Davis training session.



Leo

July 23 - August 22

The expansive, generous Leo is a natural leader and King of the Zodiac. You desire—and deserve—prominence and a high standard of living. Other people look to you for guidance. So set an example by saving for your goals with the regular purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds through Payroll Savings.

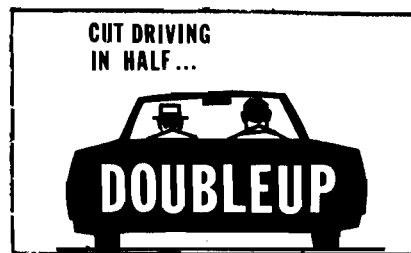
DATES FOR MISSOURI EIT AND PE EXAMS

Approval to take either exam must be obtained from the State Board of Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors; Jefferson City, MO (314) 751-2334.

Date of Exam Application Deadlines

EIT — 1 Nov 79	17 Sep 79
PE — 2 Nov 79	3 Aug 79

Both exams will be given in Jefferson City, MO.



UMSL OFFERS ENGINEERING EXAM REFRESHER COURSES

The University of Missouri — St. Louis, will offer refresher courses for those planning to take the Engineer-in-Training (EIT) or Professional Engineer (PE) exam. Classes will be held as follows:

PE Refresher
(Twice weekly)

18 Sep to 23 Oct
7-10 p.m.

EIT Refresher
(Weekly)

13 Sep — 25 Oct
7-10 p.m.

Sessions will be held in the J. C. Penney Building on the UMSL Campus, 8001 Natural Bridge. More information is available from J. C. McCurdy on the UMSL Campus, 453-5961.

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS ON "CSC REFORM ACT"

Two additional "Lunch and Learn" sessions are scheduled which will deal with separate aspects of the Civil Service Commission Reform Act which was signed by President Carter in October 1978.

The first session was held on Thursday, 28 June, from 12 noon — 1 p.m. in Room 1040 and was an overview of the Act titled, "New Framework for Federal Personnel Management."

The remaining session is scheduled for:

Thursday, 23 August — "Merit Pay" (This session is oriented toward the GS-13 and above level.)

All employees are welcome to these sessions during their lunch period. A representative from the Personnel Office will be available to answer questions following the video presentation.

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Former Chief of Engineers, Lieutenant General William C. Gribble, Jr., died of cancer on 2 June at the age of 62.

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CORPS EMPLOYEE CREDITED WITH SAVING WOMAN

Dan Haskett, Structural Engineer (ED-DA), was awakened quickly on the morning of June 5th hearing cries of "Fire" from the neighboring house. Dan entered the smoke filled home of Mrs. Deborah Whitehead and pulled her to safety. Dan, unfortunately, was unable to re-enter the home and rescue Mrs. Whitehead's daughter, Shawn, who perished in the early morning fire. Two other children were safe at the time.

The District salutes Dan's courage and efforts in effecting the rescue.

THE SUPREME COURT DECIDED:

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION — Racial Discrimination

Title VII of 1964 Civil Rights Act, which literally forbids discrimination "because of * * * race" in hiring and apprentice training selection, but which was enacted primarily to end employment discrimination against black persons, does not prohibit all private, voluntary, race-conscious affirmative action plans; collective bargaining agreement that reserves 50 percent of craft trainee openings for black employees until in-plant percentage of black craft workers matches that of local labor force is within area of discretion left by Title VII for private, voluntarily adopted affirmative action plans designed to eliminate conspicuous racial imbalance in traditionally segregated job categories. (Steelworkers v. Weber, Nos. 78-432, 78-435, & 78-436) 20 FED Case 1.

Speaking at a White House press conference, Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of the Federal Equal Opportunity Commission, representing the government's reaction to the decision, said, as a result of the Weber decision, employers and unions no longer need fear that conscientious efforts to open job opportunities will be subjected to legal challenge. The Carter Administration remains committed to taking whatever steps necessary to end all forms of discrimination in employment and unions to develop appropriate solutions to this lingering national problem."

DISTRICT TO HOST WILDLIFE WORKSHOP

Rend Lake has been selected as the scene for an OCE sponsored wildlife management orientation-demonstration workshop to be held August 20-24.

It is expected that approximately 60 Corps representatives will attend the session from most of the Districts and Divisions as well as OCE. A tentative schedule calls for seminar sessions on public laws and data collection to contracting for wildlife food plots, and will be concluded with an on-site visit to wildlife management areas at Rend Lake. A cross section of skills and disciplines are expected from Park Rangers to supervisory personnel.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIBRARY

Our Book Catalog, for many years in paper form on regular computer print-out paper, is **NO MORE!** We are delighted to tell you that we now have our entire Book Catalog converted to microfiche. Readers are available for your use in checking titles in our collection. Any of the library staff will gladly assist you in searching our new fiche catalog and in locating desired materials on the shelf. In addition to copies in the library, duplicate fiche are being sent to selected office locations and field sites where microfiche viewers have been placed. Just as before you will have access to our catalog outside of the library. All locations will receive a new set of fiche each time we update the Catalog — about 4 times a year. For a complete list of offices having readers just check with the library.

NEW BOOKS

Women in Non-Traditional Jobs: A Conference Guide
Illinois Birds: Ciconiiformes
Toxicity of Heavy Metals in the Environment
Rivers, Rockets and Readiness: Army Engineers in the Sunbelt
Electronic Motion Pictures
Television Production Handbook
Koster: Americans in Search of Their Prehistoric Past
CRC Handbook of Laboratory Safety
Wildlife and People, Proceedings of John S. Wright Forestry Conference
Rare Plants of the Ozark Plateau — A Field Interpretation Guide
Port of New York and New Jersey
Port of Baltimore, Maryland
Art of Multi-Image
Climatic Atlas of the United States
Student's First Aid to Writing
Index to Free Educational Material — Multimedia
Port of San Diego, California
Symposium on Earth Reinforcement

Kathy Hayes, Librarian

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

JUNE 1979

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS JUNE 1979: One

Total vehicle accidents for 1979: 6

1) A government driver (OD-RS) was traveling on a muddy road during a rain storm and slid into a ditch.
(\$680 damage)

Total experience for CY 1978: 8

PERSONAL INJURIES — CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES — JUNE 1979: None

Total accidents for 1979: None

Total experience for CY 1978: One Fatality

PERSONAL INJURIES — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES — JUNE 1979: One

1) A government employee (RU-L) was stepping down from a front end loader when he slipped and fell injuring his back.

Total accidents for 1979: 4

Total accidents for CY 1978: 3

LAKE FATALITIES FOR JUNE 1979: None

Total Lake Fatalities for CY 1979: 1

Carlyle Lake — 1

Total Lake Fatalities for CY 1978: 6

1 — Carlyle Lake

2 — Rend Lake

3 — Shelbyville

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

CORPS KINGS

At the Fourth of July break in league play, the Corps Kings men's slowpitch softball team is the only undefeated team in the Wednesday night Federal League. Led by the hitting of Gary Plummer (DC-M), Jim Brown (ED-FI), Ron Dieckmann (ED-HE), and Dennis Seibel (CD-CC), the team has posted a 7-0 league record. Coming up on 18 July 1979 is a rematch with the Corps' Gang Green. Game time is 6:30 p.m. at Forest Park Diamond #6.

KENNETH M. LONG
Public Affairs Officer

The Corps Kings have already won the St. Louis A.S.A. Pre-Season Industrial Class A Tournament, defeating teams like Budweiser, DMAAC Rebels, and Busch Bottlers. And the Kings plan to play 27-29 July at Harrawood in a tournament to qualify for the A.S.A. Regionals to be held in August and, hopefully, the A.S.A. National Tournament to be held Labor Day weekend. We wish them luck.

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Emerson 14,000 BTU, window air conditioner, 115 volt. \$150. Contact Steve Kilgore, Ext. 5055 or 352-5078.